(4) The tank is fairly serviceable. Further improvements in the shape of deepening may be useful.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know whether steps are constructed and what the exact nature of the works completed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have no information about that.

Investigation of Irrigation Projects.

103. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state how many times were Irrigation projects investigated by special officers deputed for the same, from the time of the Chief Engineer, Mr. Browning;

(b) how many special officers were appointed and what amount was spent each time;

(c) for what period was each of them under deputation for investigation;

(d) what all works contained in their reports were undertaken for Irrigation improvements up till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Two.

(b) Two. Rs. 69,223—10—5, Rs. 32,094—9—7.

(c) Mr. N. Rajagopalachari from 1091 to 1093 and Mr. Attokaran George from Vrischigam 1103 to the end of 1105.

(d) 1. Improvements to Mulattara system.
2. Do Kunnankattupathy system.
3. Do. Thembaramadakku system.
4. Do. Thimmachetty branch of the Mulattara system.
5. Do. Canal in Porkulam village.
6. Karuvannur Flood Abatement scheme.
7. Improvements to Manapat chira.
8. Vellarapalli lift Irrigation scheme.
9. Providing Irrigation facilities in Alur Village.
10. Opening a canal from Vettikadavu eastwards.
11. Improvements to Athur and Elavathingal chiras.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Whether any other officer was deputed other than the Engineers to investigate these Irrigation works, either by the Revenue Department or any other Department?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—So far as I know I do not think that any member of the Revenue Department was deputed for investigation of Irrigation works.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are all the work suggested by the first officer undertaken already?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Improvements of Mulattara system has been completed, Kunnankattupathy system is being taken up and except item No. 5 all have been taken up.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Two officers are deputed here and I want to know whether all the works suggested by the first officer, are already undertaken.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Not all the works. Some works were not favourably reported upon and so those works were not undertaken.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the necessity for appointing a second officer before completing the works reported by the first officer ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Irrigation projects have been suggested by the Council and the Government and by the people and as such works not been investigated by the first officer had to be taken up.

Admission—Madanappalli Sanatorium.

104. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state if they are aware:—

(a) that a large number of tuberculosis patients from the Cochin State were resorting to the Madanappalli Sanatorium and many of them have received successful treatment free; and

(b) that the Madanappalli Sanatorium has of late been refusing admission to the tuberculosis patients from the Cochin State on the ground that no support is given to the Sanatorium from the Cochin Government?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) No. But Government are aware that preference in admission is given to patients from areas which give financial support to the institution.

105. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state, if the answers to question No. 104 (a) and (b) be in the affirmative, what steps they propose to take for the proper and up-to-date treatment of the poor suffering subjects of the State who are at present standing in need of such treatment for tuberculosis?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Government are considering the question of an annual grant to a sanatorium with a view to getting a few beds reserved for patients from the State.

Tuberculosis disease.

106. Mr. M. A. Chakko.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) to what extent tuberculosis disease prevails in the State ;

(b) if there is greater immunity in the State than elsewhere in the Malabar coast and Southern India; and

(c) what is the statistics in regard to the attack and death due to tuberculosis in the State ?

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